

14 AUG -5 AIO:49 #2014-1519



**STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE**  
**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION**  
**FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D**

**TO:** Chief Procurement Officer

**FROM:** Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division  
 Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102(b)(4) and HAR chapter 3-120, the Department requests a procurement exemption for the following:

<b>1. Describe the goods, services or construction:</b> 2 Dual trained (detection and bite) law enforcement canines.	
<b>2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider:</b> Vohne Liche Kennels	<b>3. Amount of Request:</b> \$ APPX: 36,000.00
<b>4. Term of Contract</b> From: 8/5/14 To: 12/31/14	<b>5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE):</b> 2012-1624-MS-17-017B
<b>6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:</b> The training the canines requested receive are proprietary to the program this vendor provides. In addition, the canine handlers for the division use the training methods and techniques developed by Vohne Liche to perform their duties in protecting critical infrastructure and detection of illegal or dangerous items. Canines are also checked by the vendor to be in sound health and able to perform law enforcement duties within the structure of their training program. The training the canine receive is vital for the canine to perform their required task. Any deviation or contradiction in training on how to perform complex commands or detection notifications could hinder their ability to perform their duties. The handlers to which these canines will be assigned to have been trained by Vohne Liche certified trainers to maximize the ability of the canines and handlers. Failure to use the same training developed by Vohne Liche may also place the handler, the general public, and critical infrastructure at increased risk. The prevention and deterrence of illegal activities these canines are being trained for may be limited if the canine is exposed to another training program.	
<b>7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:</b> Currently, the Division uses Vohne Liche Kennels as the provider of training certifications for the division's canine program. The canine program in the past has found the canines available from this vendor to be highly capable in the performance of their duties. In addition, the Honolulu Police Department also uses this sole vendor to provide the canine program with pretrained canines. We have attached a copy of the previous approved SPO-7 Notice of Request for Exemption from HRS Chapter 103D that the Sheriff Division received in September of 2012. If approved, the Sheriff Division is looking to complete this purchase by the end of December 2014 due to training and canine availability. The program from Vohne Liche Kennels continues to be the basis for the training and certification program in use by the Sheriff Division.	

8. Identify the primary individual(s) who is knowledgeable about this request, who will conduct and manage this process, and has 1) completed mandatory training; and 2) who may contact for follow up inquiry, if any.  
(Type over "example" and delete cells not used.)

Name of Department Personnel	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
<i>Marc S. Yamamoto</i> Bruce Yonesaki	<i>PSD/PSG</i> PSD/SD/Admin	<i>981-125</i> 223-1703	<i>Marc S. Yamamoto @ hawaii gov</i> Bruce.M.Yonesaki@hawaii.gov
Nalani Myers	PSD/SD/Admin	587-2640	Nalani.Myers@hawaii.gov

*All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department.*  
*I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.*

*[Signature]*

Department Head Signature

*6/5/14*

Date

**For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only**

Date Notice Posted:

*8/5/14*

Submit written objection to this notice to issue an exempt contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

[state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov](mailto:state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov)

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

This request is disapproved. Department failed to provide sufficient justification, market research, or independent validation that without Vohne Liche trained dogs, the safety of trainers and the general public would be at risk. Department is required to use appropriate method of procurement to fulfill the department's requirements.

If there are any questions, please contact Bonnie Kahakui at 587-4702, or [bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov](mailto:bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov).

☐ Approved

☒ Disapproved

☐ No Action Required

*[Signature]*

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

*9/30/14*

Date